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SUBJECT: CHOU EN-LAI'S DEATH

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS RE-
LEASED EVENING JANUARY 8.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

IT WAS WITH A DEEP SENSE OF LOSS THAT I LEARNED OF THE
PASSING AWAY OF PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI. THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS LOST ONE OF ITS GREAT LEADERS, AND
THE WORLD HAS LOST ONE OF THE REMARKABLE STATESMEN OF
MODERN TIMES.

IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE TO HAVE HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH
PREMIER CHOU WHEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WERE FIRST ESTABLISH-
ING, AND THEN DEVELOPING, A NEW RELATIONSHIP TO SUPPLANT
THE SUSPICION AND HOSTILITY THAT HAD EXISTED FOR SO MANY
YEARS. I WAS IMPRESSED BY HIS DEDICATION TO THE INTER-
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ESTS OF HIS COUNTRY, BY HIS DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF WORLD

AFFAIRS, AND BY HIS RARE COMBINATION OF INTELLECTUAL
ACUITY AND PERSONAL CHARM.

THE UNITED STATES IS PLEDGED TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES WHICH
PREMIER CHOU HELPED ESTABLISH. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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